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SUBJECT: CHOU EN-LAI'S DEATH

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- 1. ON JANUARY 9 JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE RECEIVED FROM MFA PROTOCOL THE SAME GUIDANCE HAN HSU HAD GIVEN DEPARTMENT, I.E. THAT PRC DOES NOT INTEND TO INVITE FOREIGN DELEGATIONS TO CHOU EN-LAI'S FUNERAL. ON INSTRUCTION FROM TOKYO, EMBASSY SOUGHT CLARIFICATION. MFA CONFIRMED THAT PRC "IS NOT GOING TO RECEIVE FOREIGN GUESTS."
- 2. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AT 10:30 A.M. JANUARY 9 DELIVERED CONDOLENCE TELEGRAMS FROM MIKI TO MADAME CHOU EN-LAI AND VICE PERMIER TENG AND FROM MIYAZAWA TO FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO.
- 3. WE ASSUME U.S. MESSAGES WILL INCLUDE PRESIDENT'S CONDOLENCES TO MAO, CHU TEH, MADAME CHOU AND VICE PREMIER TENG. SECRETARY WE THINK COULD APPROPRIATELY SEND CONDOLENCES TO THE ABOVE AS WELL AF FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. USLO AT 9 A.M. JANUARY 9 EXTENDED CONDOLENCES BY PHONE CALL TO AMERICAS AND OCEANIA DIVISION OF MFA. AT 11 A.M. WE RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM MFA THAT:--PRC FLAGS AT MAJOR PEKING LOCATIONS WILL BE AT HALF MAST FROM THE 9TH UNTIL JANUARY 15;--ALL FLAGS IN THE COUNTRY ARE TO BE LOWERED ON THE 15TH. -- CONDOLENCE BOOK WILL BE OPEN ON THE MORNING OF THE 12TH.

5. ACTING CHIEF WILL OF COURSE SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK. USLO FLAG, AT HALF MAST SINCE MORNING OF THE 9TH, WILL BE KEPT THERE THROUGH THE 15TH. AFTER WE HAVE CONDOLENCE MESSAGES FROM WASHINGTON WE PLAN ALSO TO PREPARE LETTER OF CONDOLENCE FROM ACTING USLO CHIEF TO FOREIGN MINISTER (ASSUMING OTHER MISSIONS HERE WILL DO SAME.)
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